



Blue Dog Blueprint for Fiscal Reform: Results Oriented Government

“The Government Efficiency, Effectiveness and Performance Improvement Act of 2010”

Continuing down a path of excessive government spending not only means that future generations will be left with the burden of paying for today’s borrowing, but higher interest rates will make it even more expensive for families to purchase a home, finance an education or start a business.

Just like American families who make tough decisions every day, Congress must learn to live within its means. America’s small businesses make choices every day about how to maximize the effectiveness of very limited resources. Similarly, the federal government should be making the tough decisions necessary in order to make the most out of every single taxpayer dollar.

“The Government Efficiency, Effectiveness and Performance Improvement Act of 2010,” legislation championed by Representative Henry Cuellar of Texas, would bring increased transparency and accountability to the federal government by bringing to light the efficiency and effectiveness of federal agencies, providing that information to Congress and the public, and ultimately forcing decision-makers to make more informed decisions about how taxpayer dollars are spent.

This type of results oriented approach to government has improved the value and efficiency of state-level programs across the country. It is long overdue for Washington to take the same, commonsense approach.

Specifically, the “The Government Efficiency, Effectiveness and Performance Improvement Act of 2010” would:

- Require federal agencies assess agency performance on a quarterly basis to ensure federal taxpayer dollars are being spent in an effective manner.
- Increase the transparency and accountability of government by requiring that each federal agency submit performance assessments to determine the effectiveness in meeting established high priority goals that have a direct benefit to the American people.
- Make assessment reports publically available to both Congress and the American people so that they have critical information on federal agencies’ strengths and weaknesses.